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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: COMMENTS BY ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA TOLD ME ON JAN 16 HE SEES PROBLEMS AHEAD IN SLOW-MOVING RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT BECAUSE OF: A) DIVISIONS AND DIVERSITY WITHIN RANKS OF RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS AS WELL AS SMITH'S RHODESIAN FRONT; B) GAP BETWEEN THESE TWO MAJOR ELEMENTS TO SETTLEMENT; AND C) LIKELY DELAY UNTIL MID-MARCH BEFORE BRITISH CALL CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE. SMITH'S DECLARED READINESS TO MEET WITH NATIONALISTS SUGGESTS INTERIM BETWEEN NOW AND CONFERENCE CAN BE FRUITFULLY EMPLOYED TO SORT OUT DIFFERENCES WITHIN BOTH CAMPS AND BRIDGE GAPS BETWEEN THEM, BUT EXTENDED DELAY COULD BE DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF IMPATIENCE OF MILITANT ELEMENTS.

2. MWAANGA WOULD LIKE TO HAVE USG SUPPORT FOR CONVENING CONFERENCE AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE,
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ESPECIALLY IF SUBJECT OF RHODESIA ARISES IN SECETARY'S TALK

WITH BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN IN WASHINGTON
THIS MONTH.

3. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA HAS REPORTEDLY
LEFT FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO REVIEW RHODESIAN SITUATION
WITH SAG AUTHORITIES SO AS TO COORDINATE ONGOING CONTACTS WITH
SMITH BEFORE PRESIDENT KAUNDA DEPARTS FOR STATE
VISIT TO INDIA JANUARY 21 - 29.

4. FOR THEIR PART BOTH ZAMBIANS AND TANZANIANS HAVE
LAID DOWN LAW TO MILITANT FORMER ZANU LEADER,
HERBERT CHITEPO, THREATENING HIM DIRECTLY AND OTHER
RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADERS GENERALLY IF ANY
BREAK ANC UNITY.

5. BY DECISION TAKEN AT RECENT OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE
MEETING AT DAR ALL SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE TO
RHODESIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (AND THIS INCLUDES
CHINESE, MWAANGA TOLD ME) ARE BEING ADVISED
IN WRITING TO CHANNEL ALL FUTURE ASSISTANCE
THROUGH ANC.

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